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PILOT'S THRILLING ESCAPE.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 5.

A thrilling story was told at the Biggin Hill inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Flying Officer Smith and Sergeant Lister, who were killed in an aeroplane accident on March 2. Pilot Meech, a survivor, said that the machine, Vickers-Vimy F. 9181, ascended in the morning for a flight for the Air Ministry. Films were being taken from another machine, the operations being intended to illustrate an aeroplane shot down after. At 3,500 feet he received the pre-arranged signal and ignited the flare. Smith commenced stalling at a speed of 100 miles an hour and dropped to 600 feet. It was then that the machine nose-dived and partially flattened out near a group of trees, but side-slipped, hitting the trees. Witness jumped twenty feet to the ground just before the machine crashed.

The machine caught fire and the bodies were incinerated.

A verdict of death through misadventure was returned.

DISARMING GERMANY.

PROPOSED MILITARY CONTROL.

COMMITTEE OF GUARANTEES.

PARIS, March 5.

The Conference of Ambassadors, Marshal Foch present, agreed to the text of the note to Germany on the subject of the resumption of military control. The British proposals were adopted in their main lines reviving the Inter-Allied plan of 1922 and substituting a committee of guarantees with limited functions for the present control commission.

The note claims the right of the Inter-Allied Commission to verify throughout Germany whether engaged in new military preparations and whether disarmament can today be considered as finally completed.

If the German Government agrees to an enquiry and the results are satisfactory then the Allies will appoint a committee of guarantees, or a similar effective organisation.

The German Government must preliminarily reply satisfactorily to the five demands of the 1922 note dealing with amendments, laws concerning the export of arms, demilitarisation of the police, etc.

WEAKER NAVIES.

JAPANESE ESTIMATES REDUCED.

BRITAIN'S POSITION.

LONDON, March 5.

In reply to Commander Kenworthy, in the House of Commons, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Admiralty, gave particulars of the reduction in the Japanese naval estimates since the earthquake which will retard the building programme approximately a year.

Commander Kenworthy asked whether this would affect the British building programme.

Mr. Ammon replied that the British programme was built up regardless of anyone else. (Liberal cries of "Oh!")

SINGAPORE BASE INQUIRY.

LATER.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. Ammon stated that no decision had yet been made with regard to the Singapore base. The matter was at present being considered.

AGAINST SOCIALISM.

CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, March 5.

Mr. Winston Churchill has issued a statement that his candidature for the Westminster Abbey Division is now hostile to the Conservative Party which the new recognition to be the rallying ground for the opponents of Socialism.

Mr. O. Nicholson, the Conservative candidate, says he is naturally anti-Socialist. He asks what guarantee is there that Mr. Churchill, in view of his previous record, will not join the Labour Party within a year.

A number of prominent Conservatives have promised to support Mr. Churchill.

SENSATION UPON SENSATION.

NAVAL OIL LEASE SCANDAL.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE INVOLVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 5.

The Democrat Senator Heflin caused a sensation in the Senate when in the course of the debate he referred to the telegram sent to Mr. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, at Palm Beach by Mr. Bennett, an editorial writer on the Washington Post, informing him that he had seen the "Principal" who had assured him that there would be "no rocking of the boat and no resignations."

Senator Heflin expressed the opinion that the "Principal" was no less a person than President Coolidge. He stated that the telegram was sent when the Senate was discussing the necessity for the resignation of Mr. Denby (former Head of the Navy Department) and suggestions were being made that Mr. Daugherty (Attorney-General) should resign.

Senator Heflin asked that the oil committee should call Bennett and question him about what he meant when he telegraphed that he had seen the principal who "expected a reaction from unwarranted political attacks."

MOSCOW PEEVED.

HAMPERING THE JAPANESE.

VLADIVOSTOK REPRISALS.

LONDON, March 5.

According to news from Moscow the anti-Japanese measures at Vladivostok are due to the non-existence of a Russo-Japanese treaty.

The Russian view is that Japanese officials have no right in Vladivostok and the Japanese are only there by courtesy of the Soviet Government. It is pointed out that three conferences with a view to resuming normal relations during the past two years have proved abortive owing to alleged intransigence, also to the considerable annoyance of Moscow over obstacles placed in the way of the Soviet Mission sent to assist victims in the earthquake in Japan.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS.

HOME GOVERNMENT'S STEPS.

LONDON, March 5.

In the House of Commons, asked whether steps had been taken with regard to the remission of the Boxer indemnity and whether with a view to promoting more friendly relations with China, arrangements for utilising the indemnity payments could be expedited, Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said legislation would be necessary to give effect to the policy of the Government. A Bill had been drafted and would be introduced shortly.

INDIA'S SMALLER ARMY.

MINIMUM STRENGTH REACHED.

DELHI, March 5.

Lord Rawlinson in a speech during the Budget debate in the Assembly stated that 18,000 British and 20,000 Indian troops have been retrenched.

The total strength of the combatant arms is now 200,000. He declared that no further reduction was possible with due regard to the country's safety.

UNUSUAL COMMONS INCIDENT.

LONDON, February March 5.

There was a most unusual occurrence in the House of Commons when Major Astor who had just returned from Egypt voted in a division yesterday without having taken the oath. Consequently he automatically vacates his seat and a new writ is being issued.

STEAMER DISABLED.

MALTA, March 5.

The British steamer "Colorado" from Hong-kong to Boston conveyed by the British steamer "Lepanto" arrived here for repairs. Her engines are out of order.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

SOME NEW FEATURES.

LOUNGE BAR AND DINING ROOM.

The opening of the new lounge bar and dining room at the Hong-kong Hotel to-day marks another forward step in the development of this enterprising company. Situated at the head of the main stairway on the first floor, the new lounge bar, which takes the place of the old grill room, strikes immediately upon entrance a note of extreme comfort. Not too blatantly brilliant in perspective it is on the contrary a soothing corner of the spacious hotel and will prove a popular rendezvous of guests and visitors.

Its first impression is one of quiet comfort, with concealed lights adding to its cozy atmosphere. The fittings and furnishings in classic style are in perfect harmony with the decorations and panelling which are of task. One special feature are the panels executed by Mr. Ralf Sheldon Williams of Victoria B.C. who with the permission of Mr. Rudyard Kipling has taken for his subject scenes from "The Last Chantry." The actual bar counter is topped with an effective slab of Italian marble, an innovation which will always be noted for its consistent look of cleanliness.

LOCAL WIRELESS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VOTES.

\$8,400 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hong-kong, miscellaneous, installation of wireless at Waglan Light-houses and General Post Office. \$8,600 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, miscellaneous, installation of wireless telephones at the Water Police Station and Cheung Chau Island. \$4,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, grant to the Hong-kong Boy Scouts Association.

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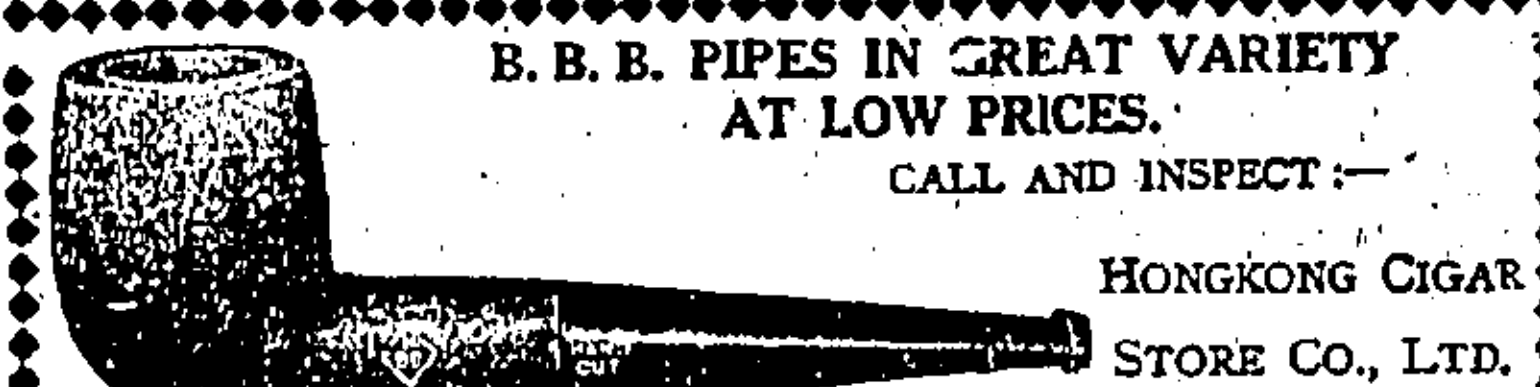
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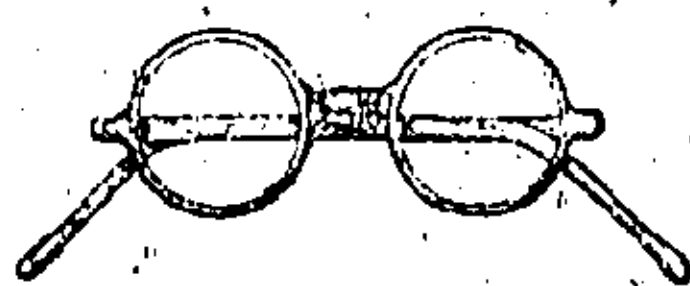
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FORREST.—On February 28, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. H. Forrest, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CHASSELS.—MARTIN.—On February 28, 1924, at Shanghai, Thomas Rae Chasells to Margaret Muir Martin.

DEATHS.

FARROW.—On January 3, 1924, at Bournemouth, England, Elizabeth Farrow, aged 82 years, late of Shanghai.
HYKES.—On February 27, 1924, at Chengchow, Honan, Mrs. Robt S. Hykes, widow, of the Rev. J. R. Hykes, D.D.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, MAR. 6, 1924.

A PANACEA.

It is becoming a custom to "exchange" Professors, Poets, and Padres, between England and America; and the result is a decided gain, not merely in cementing friendships but in placing before people of another country ideas and views which are provocative of much thought. Here is Professor Adams of the University of London citing to an American Club, education as a panacea for unemployment. He begs the main question somewhat in this way: "What is the cause of unemployment?"

altogether the rise and fall in trade and commerce which must necessarily cause unemployment. He had some striking things to say of no little interest to educationists, and beyond them the great body who desire unemployment reduced to a minimum. Education must stress the development of intelligence, and not mere intellect is one of his slogans. "To do work in the spirit of play means to love the thing you are doing, to be exactly in your right place" is another of his "good words" which those who have found their work will fully appreciate. This phrased idea, Professor Adams asserts, applied to our present serious unemployment problem, especially in England, would stop the continual ebb and flowing of job seekers and give us a base to eradicate unemployment. Just as Flaubert the great French writer, exercised the most meticulous care to get the right word in the right place to express his idea, so must both employer and employee awake to the pressing necessity for intelligent allocation and adaptation of labour. We have here this pointed to the movement at home to find out what exactly a boy is best suited to do. If Professor Adams is correct in his statement England is breaking away from specialised education. It has so far not proved of much use in our present plight of unemployment and the ruinous

hole system. "Negative education, indecision, and inertia, crystallising in chronic dissatisfaction is the thing that feeds unemployment and keeps it going." Evidence is to hand of how the system of what is called vocational education is being carried out. Six trades allied to the carpenter trade are taught the boy for two years; then two trades least congenial to him are dropped. Gradual elimination and concentration on one trade for the last two years fits the boy not only for work with his hands but intelligence to go out and build business for himself. It is a bold experiment and perhaps those fostering the movement are overconfident; but back of it is a sound idea worthy of all praise.

Fanling.

If there is any place in the Colony and New Territories equal in beauty to the country surrounding Fanling we should like to be told where it is. If there is a journey more interesting in that it gives us an idea of the expansion from Kowloon onwards, and a glimpse of scenery that vies with any that can be named, we shall also be glad to hear of it. If there is any journey in the Colony as slow as that taken by the Kowloon trains and as expensive as that charged by the Company, we certainly do not want to hear of it. It seems to us increasingly necessary that to meet the material growth of the New Territories, a fast and frequent train service is absolutely necessary at a charge that is not prohibitive but that will attract the European away from the city and make him realise that health for his body, and peace and quietness for his mind is to be had in the region of Fanling. A fast service is necessary. It does not seem to redound to those concerned that over an hour should be taken to get to Fanling from Kowloon (on Wednesday on the return journey the time taken was over an hour and a half). We certainly hope that one of the Land Companies in Hongkong will consider the possibility of building a Garden City at Fanling. There are attractive features about it that seem very obvious. With such a scheme in view the railway people would probably rise to the occasion and provide what we think is a very desirable—a frequent, fast, efficient, and economic train service.

Recognition of Russian Soviets.

One of the first major administrative acts of the British Labour Government has been to recognise the Russian Soviet Government as, de jure, rulers of those territories comprised in the old Russian Empire, and whose people accept their authority. Conditioned as this recognition is by Russia's acknowledgment of Britain's rights, and the rights of her nationals under pre-revolutionary treaties, it can hardly fail to meet with the endorsement of all parties or the approval of the nation. When it becomes, as there is reason to believe it speedily will, an accomplished fact in the sense of being operative, a marked advance will have been made along the thorny road of European reconstruction. It is really of no concern to the British Government or the British people what form of Government the Russians elect, or are content to live. That is a matter for the Russians to decide for themselves. It is, however, of grave moment to Britain that she should extend the borders of her trade, that the stream of trade and commerce should flow freely, and with as little let or hindrance as possible, between her ports and those of other countries, among whom Russia, with her 120 million people, cannot be counted least. Happily, there are not wanting indications that the agreements on which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has insisted upon will be readily enough entered into. The Congress of Soviets has at any rate lost no time in "expressing its satisfaction at Britain's recognition and in declaring that co-operation between the peoples of Britain and Russia remains one of the first cares of the Soviet Government, which, in accordance with its policy of peace, will make every effort to settle all disputed questions and misunderstandings and to develop and consolidate the economic relations of the two countries." That resolution should prove of happy augury. There can be no doubt that the restoration of diplomatic and economic relations between the two countries will be of mutual benefit. Russia is rich in raw

materials, which are in great demand by British manufacturers, and Britain in turn is able and eager to supply Russia with machinery and with capital to develop her nascent industries.

THE MODERN BRIDEGROOM WAY.

Apparently the wedding was just an incident which could not be permitted to distract attention for long from the real business of life.

MERELY A SUGGESTION.

Here is a suggestion for the men who run our tramways. To minimise the loss caused by the negligence of conductors, the City of Mexico Tramways Coy. started a monthly lottery, every tram-ticket sold being likewise a lottery ticket. This made passengers very careful to insist on having a ticket and it is stated that though the prizes cost several thousand dollars a month, the company soon found itself repaid by the increased takings. We are aware that this scheme might be disapproved by some narrow-minded people. But why be deterred by craven fears of offending the susceptibilities of the super sensitive?

When the short 'Twas EVER skit came into THUS, vogue all the prudens among us were shocked. Now that the skit is returning all but the prudens among us are disgusted. After the neat short skit, set off with a pair of more or less shapely legs and feet, the long one looks slovenly and inartistic.

London is making THAT 12-mile preparation for the MILE LIMIT. Indus of Americans during the holding of the Empire Exhibition. It is cabled that the hotels and restaurants which are licensed for public music and dancing are to be allowed to remain open after midnight during the currency of the exhibition. Evidently it is recognised that visitors from across the Atlantic will have a lot of leeway to make up, for the London bar belles will have to work overtime. An American agitation for the temporary extension of the 12-mile limit, to embrace the British Isles, is expected.

Mr. W. Pett Ridge, HECKLING. In an amusing article on heckling, points out the futility of a platformer entering upon a long duel of words with a single contestant in the audience, and particularly where the two speak in different accents.

"But tell me, my friend," he makes a candidate say, argumentatively, over a discussion on Continental affairs, "what, in that case are you going to do about the Rhine?"

"That don't worry me," said the Cockney in the hall. "I've got a mackintosh!"

Again and again AEROPLANES. is the need of an air service for Hongkong demonstrated. Its need was shown when the "Sui An" was piloted. Again when the "Hydrangea" was "plucked," and when the mysteriously hired launch disappeared, and now in the latest happening of the apparently stolen ferry boat. News is received that the boat had been seen here or there and away sails a boat to investigate, whereas an aeroplane could swoop down in a little of the time. When the Governor's launch "Stanley" disappears, we may expect something to be done!

In the attic of a certain New York City court-house, the low-voiced property clerk will show you the blood-stained coat of a sporting stockbroker who on the day a worthless woman shot him dead. It was a noted case and filled acres of newspaper. That was the year they found out how to make gasoline run an engine so as to drive motor cars. There's an infamous broken door stored in that attic behind that door, barred, scores of workers died in a sweatshop fire. That same month the doctors perfected a cheap and sure cure for hookworm, and so made life happier all round our earth. This property clerk can let you handle the rusted revolver once used in Broadway's most notorious millionaire murder. The crime filled the news for weeks, and in that time some obscure scientists got the answer on how to keep cattle free of parasites that spoil the children's milk. Men's crimes fade to ghastly tales of long ago; the good men do takes hold and lives forever in the sunlit world of human service.

is the only word to GENEROUS use in connection with the Government's promised loan of \$1,000,000 at 5% to the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. People with an alleged business instinct may cavil at the low rate of interest charged, but a

broader view must be taken, and the Government applauded in its evident effort to help Companies which are assisting so much in the material development of the Colony. It is very desirable that the cement which it is necessary to use in the vast amount of building that is going on in the Colony should be produced locally. The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. so far as we can see, has every reason to be pleased at the way it has been met in the matter of its proposed removal to another site. We hope for the best when we find a Government concerning itself with a smoke and dust nuisance.

We do not hear much of the Wright Brothers these days in spite of the fact that they were amongst the pioneers of aviation. This was in 1907. What vast strides—or flights—have been made in this science is shown when we are told that a machine which was demonstrated by one of the brothers in 1908 was a thirty horse power one with no carburetor; the aeroplane had no cockpit, pilot and passenger sitting on the leading edge of the lower wing with feet on a bar out in the air; no wheels underneath, it started from a monorail under the impetus of the two propellers and a falling weight and landed on two long skids. Ol' pioneers!

That war is futile has been amply demonstrated. That it is a waste goes without saying. Here is an example of waste on the money side. Surplus stores that cost over £2,000,000 to produce, have been disposed of for £670,000,000. Some have said that many scandalous deals have been made at the country's expense in connection with the sales of these stores.

There was a LAD: young lady of Look Who had fifty proposals a week. Though she never grew tired Of being admired She was often too sleepy to speak.

To-day's Poem.

(Two Things.)
Life is mostly froth and bubble;
Two things stand like stone:—
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.
—Adam Lindsay Gordon.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 6.

1667. Here everybody complains of the dearthness of coals, being at 24 the chaldron, the weather, too, being become most bitter cold, the King saying to-day that it was the coldest day he ever knew in England.—Pepys.

USELESS.

Nothing useful can be poured into a vessel that is already full of what is useless. We must first empty out what is useless. —Tolstoy.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in This Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 6.—Coronet Theatre: "The Third Alarm."
March 6.—Star Theatre: Irene West and Her Royal Hawaiian, "A Night in Old Hawaii."
March 6.—World Theatre: "Thousand and One Nights."
March 13.—Theatre Royal: Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.
March 7.—Cinematograph display at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.
March 8.—H.V.D.C. Lewis and Machine Gun Competitions 3 p.m.
March 8.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assoc.
March 9.—H.V.D.C. All Comers (Griff) Competition, 9 a.m.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.
March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

LAND SALE.

March 10.—At P.W.D. Office, one lot of Crown Land at Ho-Mun-Tin, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.
March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.
March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

EDUCATION BOARD.

MR. ORME'S MAIDEN SPEECH.

BREATHING LIFE INTO DRY BONES.

Mr. G. N. Orme, the new Director of Education delivered his maiden speech at a meeting of the Education Board yesterday.

Mr. Orme said: As this is my first meeting with the Board who have now for some years been good enough to give their advice and assistance to the Government and to the public in Educational matters, I think it is right that I should say a few words on our situation and prospects here to-day. Education has been much discussed in recent times here as at home—naturally so, since it is a matter that not merely concerns us, but naturally in its large aspect, is life itself. Our own concern is with that shorter process which consists in moulding the mind and character of the youth of the Colony at the most impressionable age. But we must remember that the main part of this process is not something which can be given by Government, nor even by teachers: nor anything that can be bought for money; nor even tested by examination; not merely the acquisition of knowledge, but the moulding of that into the wise conduct of life. At school as at other times, we can only "receive" but what we give, and only the pupil who brings to school the determination to learn and understand will profit by his school life. This determination must be instilled at home, and the task of teacher and pupil is rendered harder here by the temptations and excitements, which abound in this town. There is danger to the pupils, when they see round them so many easy opportunities of securing pleasure and riches; and danger to the teachers that they may be tempted to abandon the higher but more difficult paths of life for that which offer more easy rewards: danger that money, which is only a means and a doubtful means, towards the proper end of life, may usurp the place of that end itself. It is indeed a topsy-turvy world where people are often content to pay more to those who drive their carriages than to those who teach their children. It will be my earnest endeavour to obtain for all teachers the best conditions of service, and the best rewards of merit. Boredom and lassitude will intrude into all callings and not least into teaching, but it is a condition of our own success that shall minimise them, and so far as possible make school work a pleasure and inspiration to teachers and pupils. Above all we must try to prevent our teaching from being dry. Many of you will remember the vision of the inspired prophet Ezekiel, when he came to the valley full of bones, and saw that they were very dry, and in answer to his prayer breath came from the four winds and life entered the bones, and they stood up, an exceeding great army. I fear that there are too many dry bones—too little life, in much of the world's education to-day; and perhaps I am too hopeful to expect more in Hongkong than in other lands. But I do believe that life may be breathed here too on to the bones of education and they also may stand up and live.—(Applause.)

Other members of the Board present were: Mr. E. Ruphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. A. R. Cavalier (Inspector of Vernacular Schools), Mr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Dr. A. D. Hidding, M.B.E., Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, M.A., Mr. U. Rumjahn, Dr. Wan Man-kai, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. M. E. F. Alrey, Rev. Fr. H. Valtorta, Capt. A. E. Watts, and Mr. G. P. de Martin (Secretary).

Mr. B. Wylie, on behalf of the parents of British school children in the Colony, thanked Mr. Orme for giving the Board an indication of his views on education. Mr. Wylie then asked: With regard to the proposed Kladder-garten School at Quarry Bay, will the Acting Director of Education please inform the Board when he expects (a) the completion of the temporary accommodation, and (b) the completion of the permanent building?

The Acting Director replied: (a) I am given to understand that this will be available for us by the second or third week in April; (b) two sites were previously chosen, but they both proved impracticable. Efforts are being made to acquire a suitable site, and I hope to reply more definitely at the next meeting.

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VICISSITUDES.

"CALL OF THE EAST" WEARING AWAY?

BOLSHEVISM IN KOWLOON.

[By John Sinclair.]

The mental in whose hands the tender mercies of my domestic peace hang in the balance, will sooner or later meet his death—by violence. He is asking for it. And on some dark night he will get it in the neck. It is extremely hard for me to curb my fuming anger; to restrain my crimson temper and to turn my blackest thoughts to softer words when I think of the slinking heathen who masquerades under the name of a "boy." Yes, 'twas always a titanic struggle for the critic to express the depths of his vituperation when it came to cold print. And with me, the temptation is increased a thousand-fold. The journalist—I admire him to be able to say so little and mean so much must be a genius.

Apt words have power to 'savage'.

The tumours of a troubled mind;

And are as balm to fester'd wounds.

Had I the gift of a Milton, the biting sarcasm of a Shaw and the wit of a Dr. Johnson, so late in life I'd turn to Socialism.

When a man turns to quotations, it is an acknowledged indication of the poverty of his own thoughts. Yet it is hardly a poverty with me. Had I a thought-ponderer at the moment I penned these lines, walked in he would have strained to bring out to give utterance to the interpretation. Quoting Milton is but an outlet—a safety valve, as it were. I have completely lost faith in the famed-eyed myrmidon at Kowloon who purports to be a fully qualified servant, a superior "boy" who does not the dirty work in the house but is traditionally expected to attend to the wants and desires of his master. And I am not the only complainant. "Boys" are becoming automatic, insolent and lazy and the "Call of the East" is losing its potent charm.

No valet in England would have dared to have acted in the same way as the boy did with me the other morning. Asking him civilly, to get me a newspaper, he meandered into the dining room, stood up before me and yawned. And then he said "No go." I was speechless. The ludicrousness of the situation was disarming. I could do no more than merely gape at him, open-eyed with sheer amazement. Of course, I swore when I came to. But one can eclipse the eloquence of a war-time sergeant major with as vivid English as heard in the depths of Tartarus, without working any effect on a provocative servant whose knowledge of the language is limited to the simple negative and positive. I can hear you asking why didn't I kick him. Frankly, the surprise swept me clean off my feet. To have appealed to the landlady would have been useless and a waste of time. She has given up the ghost long ago being "only a poor widdler," at her wit's end, who does not know really what to do with the servants. This is just an example of one of the extraordinary caprices of this rebellious servant.

Is there a wave of Bolshevism sweeping over Kowloon? Are the Chinese servants rising up in rebellion against the yoke of their foreign masters? Ask nine out of every ten of the boarders of Kowloon how they are faring in their homes-from-homes and what will they say? "O it is a very nice place; chow's so-so, but the service is absolutely rotten." The poor little slaves seem prostrate. Trade Unionism, guild or Bolshevism is gaining a hold which if not nipped in the bud will prove a menace to the peace and quiet of the home-life of Kowloon boarders. Take away the obedience of the Chinese servant and life in Hongkong will not be worth living.

They tell me that this gradually rising spirit of 'ca' canny or indifference has been particularly noticeable since the seamen's strike. I admit I may not know the inside facts—wages etc., but I realize that some day something may happen which will be regrettable. No soap, no breakfast, ten minutes late at the office every morning; no towel, shoes not cleaned—I cannot stand it very much longer.

New York, March 5.—At a meeting this afternoon with representatives of the passenger conference and the steamship lines, the Commissioner of Immigration agreed that second-class passengers should, in future, be examined the same as the first-class. Instead of at Ellis Island. The Commission also modified the hours of inspection for first-class passengers, but declined to agree to the inspection of vessels arriving at an appreciable time after sunset.—Reuter's American Service.

FLOWER SHOW.

ENTRIES FEWER BUT GOOD.

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

Though the entries were fewer than last year, owing to the foggy weather which has prevailed during the last few months, the exhibits at the Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual show which opened at Volunteer Headquarters to-day are remarkably good under the circumstances. A great deal of hard work was put in behind the scenes this morning by the officials responsible for arranging and judging the exhibits and the show was well worth anybody's while to visit.

Two wonderfully fine exhibits, not for competition, were sent in by Mr. Ho Kom-tong. These consisted of a large display of cut sweet peas and a fine collection of vegetables grown from Sutton's seeds.

The judges and officials in connection with the show were—
Open Flower Class.—Mr. E. L. Sim and Mr. N. L. Watson.
Peak Flower Pots.—Col. Butterworth and Mr. G. M. Shaw.
Open Vegetables.—Mr. M. E. T. Airey and Mr. E. F. Aucutt.
Peak Vegetables.—Mr. Choa Po-kin and Mr. L. Gibb.
Open Cut Flowers.—Mrs. Dyer and Mr. N. L. Watson.
Peak Flowers.—Col. Butterworth and Mr. B. A. Nicholson.
General Exhibits.—Messrs. L. Gibb, N. L. Watson and H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Col. Butterworth.
Carnations.—Mrs. Airey, Miss Chauncey and Mr. J. A. Plummer.
Hon. secretary.—Mr. E. B. C. Hornell.

Plants in Pots.—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Marguerite.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart, 2.
Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—Mrs. Choa.
Salvia.—Mr. G. M. Shaw, 1; Kowloon Cricket Club, 2.
Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1; Mr. Andrew Tse, 2.
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Arums.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Mrs. Choa, 2.
Antirrhinum.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1; Mr. Andrew Tse, 2.

Begonia.—Mr. G. M. Shaw, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 2.
Double Geraniums.—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 2.
Single Geraniums.—Mrs. Choa, 1; Mr. P. C. Potts, 2.

Ivy-leaved Geraniums.—Award of merit, Sir Paul Chater.
Other of Dahlias.—Mrs. Ho Fook, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 2.

Heliotrope.—Hongkong Club, 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 2.
Petunia.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Hongkong Club, 2.
Verbena.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Hongkong Club, 2.

Linnaria (Tall varieties).—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1.
Larkspur.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Mr. Ho Fook, 2.

Freesia.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1; Sir Paul Chater, 2.
Phlox Drummondii.—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 2.
Roses.—Mr. G. M. Shaw, 1; Sir Paul Chater, 2.

Dianthus.—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1; Lady Ho Tung, 2.
Other Ferns.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 2.

Asparagus Plumosus.—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 2.
Mignonette.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Mrs. Choa, 2.
Nasturtium (dwarf).—Mr. Andrew Tse, 1.

Pansies and/or Violas.—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1; Hongkong Club, 2.
G. M. Shaw, 2.
Stock.—Mrs. Ho Fook, 1.

Primula.—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1; Mr. Andrew Tse, 2.
Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants.—Mrs. Harrington, 1; Mr. Andrew Tse, 2; Sir Paul Chater, award of merit.

Plants in Pots.—Peak Gardens only.
Marguerite.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 1; Mr. N. C. Wilson, 2; Mr. A. Brearley, award of merit.

Nasturtium (Tall).—Mr. F. C. Hall, 1; Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, 2; Mrs. J. H. Plummer, award of merit.

Silvia.—Mrs. A. Cameron, 1; Mr. A. Brearley, 2.
Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season.—Mr. F. C. Hall, 1; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 2; Mr. A. Brearley, award of merit.

Three pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 1.
Arums.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 1; Mr. N. L. Watson, 2; Mr. G. M. Shaw, award of merit.

Antirrhinum.—Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, 1; Mr. F. C. Hall, 2.

Begonia.—Mr. L. Yates, 1; Mr. A. Brearley, 2.
Other Dahlias.—Mr. A. Brearley, 1; Mr. A. Cameron, 2.

Heliotrope.—Mr. L. Yates, 1; Mr. N. L. Watson, 2; Mr. F. C. Hall, award of merit.

Petunia.—Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, award of merit.
Linnaria (Tall).—Mr. F. C. Hall, 1.

Verbena.—Mr. N. L. Watson, 1; Mr. F. C. Hall, 2.
Larkspur.—Matilda Hospital, 1; Mr. A. Cameron, 2.

Phlox Drummondii.—Mrs. Dyer, 1; Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, 2; Mr. F. C. Hall, award of merit.

Freesia.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, 1; Mr. N. L. Watson, 2; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 3.
Dianthus.—Mr. J. A. Plummer, 1.

Carnations and/or Picotees.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 1; Mr. A. Brearley, 2; Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, award of merit.

Maiden Hair Ferns.—Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, 1; Mr. Dyer, 2.
French Marigolds.—Mr. F. C. Hall, 1.

Pansies and/or Violas.—Mr. A. Brearley, 1; Matilda Hospital, 2.
Stocks.—Mr. A. Cameron, award of merit.

Violas.—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, 1; Peak Club, 2; Mr. T. E. Pearce, award of merit.

Primula.—Mr. N. L. Watson, 1.
Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants.—Mr. J. A. Plummer, 1.

Vegetables, etc.—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Collection of vegetables.—Hongkong Club, 1.
Cabbages.—Mr. G. M. Shaw, 1; Hongkong Club, 2; Lady Ho Tung, award of merit.

Savoy Cabbages.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Lady Ho Tung, 2.
Cauliflowers or Broccoli.—Mr. G. A. Walker, 1; Hongkong Club, 2; Kowloon Cricket Club, award of merit.

Lettuces (cabbage varieties).—Mr. J. H. Taggart, 1.
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Endive.—Lady Ho Tung, award of merit.
Brussels Sprouts.—Mr. G. A. Walker, 1; Sir Paul Chater, 2.

Kohl Rabi.—Mr. G. A. Walker, 1; Hongkong Club, 2; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 3.

Turnips.—Hongkong Club, 1; Carrots.—Mr. Ho Leung, 1; Parsnips.—Hongkong Club, 1; Mr. G. A. Walker, 2; Lady Ho Tung, award of merit.

Onions.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Leeks.—Kowloon Cricket Club, 1; Lady Ho Tung, 2; Mr. G. M. Shaw, award of merit.

Potatoes.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Hongkong Club, 2.
Radishes.—Hongkong Club, 1; Sir Paul Chater, 2.

Beets.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart, 2.
Celery.—Hongkong Club, 1; Tomatoes.—Kowloon Cricket Club, 1; Mr. Ho Leung, 2.

Penns.—Mr. G. A. Walker, 1; French Beans.—Hongkong Club, 1.

Vegetable Marrows.—Hongkong Club, 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw, 2.

Vegetables, etc.—Peak Gardens only.
Collection of vegetables.—Mr. G. G. Franklin, 1; Mr. L. Yates, 1; Mr. A. Cameron, 2.

Cabbages.—Matilda Hospital, 1; Mr. A. Cameron, 2.
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Cauliflowers or Broccoli.—Mr. A. Cameron, 1; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 2.

TIME NOT YET COME.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE UNWISE.

AMERICA'S DECISION.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Coolidge has informed the Philippine Independence Mission that in his opinion the time has not yet come to separate the Philippines from the United States.

In a letter to the Chairman of the Mission, Mr. Coolidge declares the United States is fully confident of the ability, good intentions, fairness and sincerity of General Wood.

In the present state of the world relationship America owes it an obligation to continue to extend a protecting arm to the people of these islands.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON, March 5.

Home football results are as follows:—
Scottish League.—Celtic 1, Clydebank 2; St. Mirren 2, Queen's Park 0; Third Lanark 2, Falkirk 1; Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 1; Hamilton 2, Partick 1.

First English League.—Notts County 0, Chelsea 0.—*Reuter.*

Cut Flowers—Open to all, except

Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Cut Flowers, not less than 6 kinds.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, 1.

Sweet Peas.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Antirrhinum.—Lady Ho Tung, 1; Mr. Andrew Tse, 2.

3 Red or Pink Roses.—Mr. G. M. Shaw, 1; Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 2.
3 White or Yellow Roses.—Sir Paul Chater, 2.

3 Roses any Colour.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1; Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, 2; Hongkong Club, award of merit.

Cactus Dahlias only.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1.
Other Dahlias.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1; Mr. Ho Fook, 2.

Mignonette.—Mr. Andrew Tse, 1; Lady Ho Tung, award of merit.
Nasturtium.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart, 2.

Pansies.—Sir Paul Chater, 1; Lady Ho Tung, 2.
Violas, Hongkong Club.

PEAK GARDENS ONLY.

Cut Flowers of 6 distinct kinds.—Mr. N. L. Watson, —Mr. F. C. Hall, 2.

Red or Pink Roses.—Mr. T. F. Pearce, 1.
White or Yellow Roses.—Mr. T. E. Pearce, 1.

Roses, any colour.—Mr. T. E. Pearce, 1.
Carnations and/or Picotees.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 1.

Cactus Dahlias only.—Mr. A. Brearley, 1.
Other Dahlias.—Mr. A. Cameron, 1.

Mignonette.—Nasturtium Mr. L. Yates, 1; Mr. N. L. Watson, 2.
Pansies, Mr. A. Cameron, 1; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 2.

Violas, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, 1; Matilda Hospital, 2.

Cut Roses.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1.
Decorative vase of Cut Flowers.—Mrs. Harrington, 1; Miss Chauncey, 2.

Basket of Cut Flowers for children between the ages of 11 and 15.—Miss Letitia Fowler, 1; Miss Peggy Hornell, 2.

Basket of Cut Flowers for children aged 10 years and under.—Miss Kathleen McElderry, 1; Misses Joan and Nancy Hornell, 2.

Table Decoration.—Mrs. Harrington, 1; Mrs. Airey, 2; Miss Josephine Nicholson, 3.
Display of Cut Flowers.—Mr. R. A. Nicholson, 1; Mr. J. H. Taggart, 2.

ANOTHER INVASION.

"LACONIA" ARRIVES HERE.

700 WORLD TOURISTS.

The giant Cunarder "Laconia" on its tour of the world berthed at the Kowloon Dock this morning and brought with it probably the biggest party of tourists yet to visit the Colony. Seven hundred eight-specters on Clark's fourth tour of the world were eager to land to see the beauties of Hongkong and under the auspices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., several parties crossed over to the island and started early in the morning on their round of visits.

Fifty motor cars during the day were engaged to carry the visitors to the Peak and Repulse Bay. Another big party went to Canton and Macao. Others who stayed in town marked their advent by a continual click of cameras, snapping up little scenes to add to their photographic albums.

The tourists will enjoy their stay at Hongkong until Saturday night the "Laconia" being due to sail at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning for Manila, to continue the world tour.

The plotting of the parties by the Hongkong Hotel staff under the direction of Mr. Clark is by no means a small task and during the day the Hotel was a busy scene.

Remarkable Steering Device.
The 20,000-ton Cunard Liner "Laconia," bearing its 723 tourist passengers is guided by a "pilot" who never sleeps, eats or talks but is on duty 24 hours a day and is such an accurate steersman that he never allows the helm to vary more than one-sixth of a degree.

This wonderful helmsman is the Sperry gyro-pilot, a mechanical device which in conjunction with the Sperry gyro-compass automatically directs the steamer on its course without the aid of a steersman's hand.

On her around-the-world voyage last year, the "Laconia" was equipped with a gyro-compass, a rapidly rotating wheel so mounted that its axle takes up a direction parallel to the earth's axis and consequently points to the true north and south poles. It is a compass without any magnetic needles and is therefore unaffected by the iron and steel used in the ship's construction.

Gyro-Pilot Added.
This year the gyro-pilot or automatic steering device was also added, according to Capt. E. T. Britten, R.D., R.N.R., the mechanical "steersman" has made possible a 75 per cent. better sailing course for the "Laconia" than any man could steer and all that is necessary is to set a proper course twice a day and adjust the pilot properly for the different weather conditions.

The "Laconia" is said to be the first British steamer to adopt the gyro-compass and gyro-pilot although several American vessels are equipped with them.

The helmsman on board the "Laconia" becomes a lookout for the unexpected, ready to clutch the mechanical steering device and relieve the mechanical pilot of the wheel in case of an imminent collision or any other untoward event making necessary a prompt change of course.

According to the claims of the inventor, the gyro-pilot will steer to one-sixth of a degree, and even a good human steersman is allowed a deviation of one degree in directing the course of a vessel.

The brain of the gyro-pilot is the gyro-compass. Like an electric clock in a hotel transmits its time indications to time dials situated in the public rooms, so the gyro-compass passes all alterations of the ship's head to other compasses working in conjunction with the latter wireless direction finder of the bridge and other repeater compasses is mounted on the gyro-pilot and immediately the ship's head changes its direction the information is passed to an electric motor which turns the steering wheel the requisite amount to bring the ship back to her course.

Corrects Course Automatically.
The motive power of the mechanism is a one-third horse power reversible electric motor which drives the steering wheel by means of a sprocket and chain drive. When the ship's head moves, the repeater compass swings round and accordingly, motor is set in operation and acts upon the helm sufficiently to bring the vessel back to her course.

The adjustment is reduced to so exact and fine a point that it is only necessary for a deviation from the course of one-sixth of a degree in order to create a reaction in the mechanism which will right the altered direction.

The advantages of the new system of navigation are self-evident even to one unacquainted with nautical affairs. The maintenance of a better course means a certain saving in distance traversed and therefore a reduction in the consumption of fuel. Since there is less variation in helm there is less steam required.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INTERESTING SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—You state in yesterday's issue that you "are quite sure that many a weary soul would drop in for half an hour at the City Hall, simply to listen to the declaiming of these 'lines of beauty' (in the Bible.)"

In Canton the charity institutes maintain a number of free halls in which scholars propound, at all hours of the day, the beauty of the Chinese classics, to which all are welcome.

There must be many who would support your idea and be thankful for any efforts towards it. Surely we have our multitudes which strive after learning.

Yours etc.,
S.R.F.

Hongkong, March 6.

LAUNCH MYSTERY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—I cannot refrain from commenting that the measures taken by the authorities to locate a launch after its disappearance from the waters of Hongkong, are apparently weak.

I am at a loss to understand why the co-operation of the naval authorities should not be secured. It should rightly be that as soon as the Police have the report of a missing launch and its passengers, the naval authorities should be made aware and immediately they dispatch off a destroyer to scout the waters outside with the aid of searchlights.

Police launches will do the work of visiting bays, but the difficulty is that some of the launches are not fitted with a gun and they will be hopeless in their defence if they actually meet the runaway vessel firing volley after volley at them.

I strongly urge the authorities if they are solving the mystery now, that on the very next occasion of a launch being taken out of the waters here, they must have a destroyer sent without delay.

Yours etc.,
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VIOLENT TEMPER.

WOMAN'S POLICE COURT STRUGGLES.

"Oh! the Government is cruel. I would rather die and implore Your Worship to sentence me to death," cried a middle-aged Chinese woman in Mr. E. W. Hamilton's court at the Magistracy this morning. Her husband was in court and he told His Worship that he had divorced her twelve years ago, explaining this by saying that a separation order had been made by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and he was still paying her a monthly allowance of \$20 as laid down by Mr. J. R. Wood at the time.

His Worship found both the charges against her proved. For disorderly conduct he imposed a fine of \$25 or one month's imprisonment and for causing the damage he ordered her to pay \$30 compensation or undergo an additional month in jail.

Defendant struggled violently and refused to leave the dock. It took three officers to take her to the cells.

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

SETS GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE.

Readers of the China Mail desiring information about the game in all its phases or wishing to have any point cleared up, are invited to send their inquiries to this office and replies will be published in this column on Thursdays. Correspondence is invited.

Not only Europeans but also the Chinese are finding that the spread of the game is causing a shortage in the market with the result that sets of even moderate quality are getting more expensive.

Shanghai was, a few years ago, the only place where sets could be got in any quantity. Then makers opened shops in Hongkong and a number of artisans from the Northern port have migrated to Hongkong. With so many people passing through, going home, and sending sets away, the demand for good sets has been sustained and as a consequence, prices have gone up. Purchasers turned their attention to Shanghai again but of late, sets are dearer there than in Hongkong. To-day, the cheapest set can be bought here for about \$6 or \$7 and a moderate one would be worth anything from \$12 to \$15. For \$20 to \$30, one could get a set above the average, while \$40 would secure something that could be described as "heavy." All ivory cards are not deemed advisable owing to the ease with which lines appear on the back.

Most Mah-jongg shops will take orders for old sets to be renewed at reasonable rates. However, it has been found that Canton is cheaper than Hongkong. One could at least save the premium on notes, about 20 per cent., by buying there. On the other hand there will probably be a Customs levy for any large quantities. Workmanship there is equal, if not better than that of Hongkong.

Every mail brings additional evidence of the increasing popularity of Mah-jongg at Home. One ladies' journal predicts another boom during the coming season. High prices—almost prohibitive one should say—prevail and a writer in a Scottish paper gives suggestions for converting our own cards into Mah-jongg sets. Perhaps he has not heard of the paper sets—similar to the Chinese paper dominoes known as *Sip Ng Wan*—that can be picked up in this Colony for a trifle. These are used by people on trains and in where lack of room forbids laying out the table. These paper cards are quite good and serviceable but they lack that touch and charm that foreigners profess to be associated with the ivory-bamboo-backed "tiles" that make the noise all night long in Chinatown.

Regarding the game, the *Gloucester Herald* writes—

"The possibilities of Mah-jongg are now being explored by those hostesses of Mayfair who realise that to be in the van of the social world it is necessary to take up the latest craze. The gaming aspect of this curious Chinese game does not much attract ladies who are hardened to bridge, etc., but I hear queer tales of some Mah-jongg parties at which the 'roof has been taken off' with awkward results for some young fledglings at the game, who did not grasp the fact that quite a lot of cash could be dropped. A lady who has developed eccentricity to a fine point has designed a special Chinese dress for her jing parties, and has the chief emblems of the game embroidered in gold thread on a black silk. Another lady, not wishing to be outdone, plays the game in a suitable atmosphere—that is, in a room, decorated in a 'Pekin' style, and the things the 'leisure rich' possess!"

REPLIES TO QUERIES.

A Strange Co-incidence.

Desiring to reply to my note in a recent issue in which I mentioned the East wind sent, the player of North wind discarded a 7 of bamboo. He claimed it to show us his hand was complete bar the 5 and 6 of bamboo; the 7 would make up the necessary sequence. Almost simultaneously, South wind and West wind rolled out *Pung* as they also wanted it to show. South wind had the 4, 5, 6, 7 of bamboo (two calls for a pair of eyes) and West wind had the 8 and 9 of bamboo and required the 7 to complete

RIFLE SHOOTING.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

The following shows the positions of the teams in the Hongkong Rifle League:

	Shot	Won	Lost	Points
H.M.S. Despatch	11	10	1	10
H.K. Vol. Defence Corps	6	6	0	6
H.M.S. Tamar	6	5	1	5
H.M. Dockyard	5	4	1	4
R.G.A. 94 Coy.	12	4	8	4
H.M.S. Hawkins	8	3	5	3
B. Coy. East Surrey Regt.	2	2	0	2
H.K. Police	4	2	2	2
D. Coy. East Surrey Regt.	6	2	4	2
H.M.S. Titania	3	1	2	1
H.Q. Coy. East Surrey Regt.	5	1	4	1
H. Coy. East Surrey Regt.	2	0	2	0
Royal Engineers	5	0	5	0
C. Coy. East Surrey Regt.	6	0	6	0

HULA HULA DANCE.

TO-NIGHT'S STAR THEATRE ATTRACTION.

Thanks to the enterprise of the Star Theatre Kowloon folk are promised a rare treat this evening, when the programme includes not only two excellent movie films, but also presents a clever Hawaiian troupe direct from the Manila Carnival.

Irene West's Royal Hawaiians will give "A Night in Old Hawaii." Among the company are skilled instrumentalists, capable vocalists and expert dancers, including Princess Helen a direct descendant of Queen Lil, famous in Hawaii for the hula hula dance. Indeed Princess Helen is acclaimed the greatest exponent of this beautiful and artistic dance—a tribute paid by no less an authority than the Prince of Wales himself when Princess Helen took part in the entertainment arranged in his honour during his visit to Hawaii.

Conforming with the gaiety of the revue the Royal Hawaiians will give the two movie pictures billed for to-night, namely "What's Worth While" starring pretty Clara Windsor, and another rollicking "Pelix the Cat" comedy truthfully described as "A Pat Sullivan Scrum."

This capital show will be given at the Star Theatre for three nights only, beginning this evening and thereafter will not fail to note the remarkably low admission charges.

his sequence. "Dis-satisfied" being next to North wind, who discarded the 7 of bamboo, insisted that he should have priority. One of the others then pointed out that as three players could show with the same card, the hand was a wash-out. Being the most experienced, his word was accepted by the other two.

As pointed out last week, there exists a divergence of rules amongst Mah-jongg players and the only way to avoid disputes is to have a league as they have at Home, which will lay down the law for every contingency. Experienced Chinese players usually have an understanding that when three players prove a show with the very same discard, the hand is "considered a wash-out" and no points are scored. If East wind made the discard, he retains the hand for another hand and if he would, when he draws the last card from the wall in a wash-out hand.

I have searched the text-books given to me, but have not found anything to support this. But in one of the many books that when a player starts off with 9 or more odd cards (winds, dragons and 1's and 2's) he can claim a wash-out and therefore a re-shuffle. On inquiry from a number of Chinese clubmen, I find that this is seldom accepted as a re-shuffle is an excellent start for a "thirteen oddities" hand which if completed, wins maximum points. From what I am told, I do not think that the claim, if made, would hold good.

—BIR JAE WOO.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The annual lawn tennis tournament was continued on the Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon when H. Krebs, a Kowloon player, met J. Takikawa in the Open Singles, defeating him in four sets. If Krebs had not been so erratic the match need not have gone so far. The final result was—

H. Krebs beat J. Takikawa 8-10, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

In the Handicap Singles "A" event, D. S. Green beat W. A. Nowers in two sets, 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Matches due to be played to-day are—Open Singles: C. Willson v. Lt. Comm. Worthington; N. Trambitsky v. A. d'Assumpcao; and O. Rumjahn v. E. de Sousa. W. A. Nowers and H. R. Remington (4/6) meet S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 4/6) in the Handicap Doubles.

U.S.R.C. "AT HOME."

There was a big gathering present at the United Services Recreation Club's "at home" yesterday afternoon when a number of interesting tennis matches were decided.

The series of matches between the ladies attracted considerable interest and resulted in a victory for the holders of the Shield, the United Services Recreation Club, represented by the Misses G. and P. Grace and Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Lindell. The scores were as under:

U. S. R. C. (Misses G. and P. Grace) beat the L.R.C. (Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss Calvert) 5-5 and Miss Rudge and Miss Irving 8-3; beat the Peak Club (Mrs. McElderry and Mrs. Boyd) 7-4 and (Mrs. Stark and Mrs. McKichan) 9-2.

U. S. R. C. (Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Lindell) lost to L.R.C. (Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss Calvert) 5-6, and beat Miss Rudge and Miss Irving, 9-2; beat Peak Club (Mrs. McElderry and Mrs. Boyd) 5-6 and (Mrs. Stark and Mrs. McKichan) 6-5.

Ladies R.C. (Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss Calvert) beat Peak Club (Mrs. McElderry and Mrs. Boyd), 6-3 and (Mrs. Stark and Mrs. McKichan) 10-1; lost to U.S.R.C. (Misses G. and P. Grace) 3-8 and beat Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Lindell 6-5.

Ladies R. C. (Miss Rudge and Miss Irving) beat Peak Club (Mrs. McElderry and Mrs. Boyd) 6-5 and lost to Mrs. Stark and Mrs. McKichan 4-7; lost to U.S.R.C. (Misses G. and P. Grace) 3-8 and (Mrs. Dickens and Mrs. Lindell) 2-9.

Total games: U. S. R. C. 60; Ladies R. C. 44; Peak Club, 28. In the final of the Men's Doubles, Capt. Dods and Mr. H. Owen Hughes beat Major Gandy and Capt. Chippendale, 6-2, 6-4.

At the conclusion of matches the prizes won during the tournament were distributed. The trophies were won by the following: Ladies Singles: 1, Miss P. Grace; 2, Miss Wentworth; Mixed Doubles: 1, Miss Calvert and Mr. H. Owen Hughes; 2, Miss P. Grace and Eng. Lt. Com. Eveleigh.

Ladies Doubles: 1, Mrs. Dickens and Miss G. Grace; 2, Lady Stuart Taylor and Miss Calvert. Men's Singles: Final to be played later between Eng. Commander Edwards, H.M.S. Titania, and Mid. Margetts, H. M. S. Hawkins.

Men's Doubles: 1, Capt. Dods and Mr. H. Owen Hughes; 2, Major Gandy and Capt. Chippendale. Ladies' Shield: U. S. R. C.

GREAT FIRE EPIC.

THIRD ALARM AT THE CORONET.

Even out here in Hongkong where big fires are happily few enough, the average citizen has only to hear a fire engine go crash through the street in the dead of night to feel the glamour and the terror of the fireman's calling. All the mingled dread and excitement which cause the local resident to catch his breath when he hears the warning clang have been instilled into the great screen epic now showing at the Coronet Theatre, making it one of the most engrossing pictures ever filmed. "The Third Alarm" does not rely on suspense alone for its appeal, however, as it presents also a charming romance and some excellent comedy touches which not only delight the spectator in themselves, but also give added force to the great climax in the wonderful rescue scene.

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CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a league match against the I.R.C. 1st XI on the latter's ground on Saturday, March 8, at 2.15 p.m. sharp—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), H. N. Balhetcher, E. K. Quick, M. H. Roffey, R. A. Ponsonby Fane, A. S. Hett W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yeow, D. Laing, S. Hachiuma and B. P. Ng.

CHINESE R. C. TEAMS.

First eleven against the Navy on the latter's ground (friendly)—H. Ching (Capt.) G. Lee, H. C. Hung, W. Hung, Ng Sze-kwong, C. Choa, Harry Kew, M. K. Lo, Houghton, J. Wong and Y. K. Shi. Second XI v. the Navy on the C. R. C. ground—S. I. Wong (Capt.), Wong Po-keung, C. E. Wong, Wan Ju-shing, K. L. Chau, Leung Kam-cheung, Cheung Wing Kue, Henry Kew, Andrew Cheung, P. S. Tsai and Y. M. Shi.

I.R.C. 2ND XI v. R.A.M.C.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a league match against the R.A.M.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—D. Rumjahn (Capt.), Sirdar Khan, E. A. Moosdeen, O. Rumjahn, Y. A. Wahab, I. Hassan, E. Moosdeen, M. P. Madar, A. Kitchell, J. S. Ackber and A. H. M. Samy.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT under the patronage of H. E. The Governor by the Society's Chorus and Orchestra THEATRE ROYAL. SATURDAY, 29th March, 1924, at 9.15 p.m. Booking opens on 17th March at Anderson Music Co. Prices - \$3, \$2, \$1.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS will be held on the following dates in 1924 (weather permitting)

29th March
19th and 21st April
24th May
7th and 9th June
11th and 13th October
8th November
29th November

By Order
C. B. BROWN
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Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also. Entry forms may be had from the undersigned. Entries close on Tuesday 11th inst. at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and electing a Director and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

DURING my absence in Shanghai the business of the Hongkong Branch will be conducted by T. T. Laurence, Esq., Assistant Secretary, China Coast Officers' Guild.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.
Hongkong, March 6, 1924.

BILLIARDS.

HO KAM TONG CUPS.

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ENTRIES for the Annual Billiard Handicap, Ho Kam Tong Cups valued at \$300 will close on 25th March, 1924.

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3rd do. do. do. ... 50.00
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REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., to be presented at the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 is as follows for the year ended December 31, 1923:

After providing for a bonus of 10 per cent. to the European Staff on their salaries and paying the usual bonus to the Chinese Staff at Chinese New Year, the profit on Working Account for the year 1923 amounted to \$1,682,813.54. The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account (including the sum of \$25,714.10 brought forward from the previous year), after providing for Bad and Doubtful Debts and \$290,933.98 in respect of interest on loans and mortgages, also setting aside \$267,387.82 for depreciation, amounted to \$1,068,790.15. Deducting the Interim Dividend amounting to \$264,802.50 declared in November last, the sum of \$803,987.65 remains, which your Directors recommend be apportioned as follows:

To Pay a Final Dividend of 75 cents per share on 375,000 shares \$281,250.00

To Pay a Bonus of 50 cents per share on 375,000 shares 187,500.00

To Transfer to General Reserve 250,000.00

To Carry forward to new account 85,237.65

\$803,987.65

The above proposed allocations for the year under review have been incorporated in the accounts, and should these recommendations be adopted, the General Reserves (as you will notice on reference to the Balance Sheet) will be increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Consequently, with the Land and Buildings Reserve standing at \$3,453,767.48 and the Construction & Development Reserve at \$500,000, the total Reserves of the Company will amount to \$4,953,767.48.

Mr. C. Montague Ede resigned his seat on the Directorate on the 20th November, 1923. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. E. S. Kadoorie having joined the Board by invitation, these appointments require confirmation at this Meeting. The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., retires by rotation but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

The accounts for the year under review have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election. The accounts of the Shanghai Branch have been audited by Messrs. Thomson and Co., who are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for last year:

The gross profit for the year is \$779,077.21

After paying interest \$232,678.63

And depreciating plant, &c., by \$20,281.91

There remains a net profit of \$526,116.67

And adding amount brought forward as per last report \$83,680.29

Less interim dividend paid October 9, 1923, 240,000.00

\$343,680.29

leaves available a sum of \$619,796.96

which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:

To pay a final dividend at the rate of 10% per annum or \$5.00 per share \$300,000.00

To carry forward to new account \$319,796.96

\$619,796.96

In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. P. White retire by rotation, and offer themselves

for re-election. Mr. T. G. Weall retired from the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. J. P. Warren was invited to join the Board, which appointment requires confirmation at this meeting. Mr. H. P. White has been appointed Chairman for the year 1924. The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.A.C., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.A.C., who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights buyers ex rights \$6 premium buyers.

Cements ex rights \$29½ nom. rights \$6 prem. nom.

China Providents ex bonus and rights \$23 nominal, rights \$134 prem. sales. Bonus shares \$23 nom.

Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. buyers. Bonus shares \$27 nominal.

China Light \$13¼ ex rights nom. rights \$5 prem. sales.

Note:—China Providents Old Issue shares are Nod. 1/170,000. Hongkong Ropes Old Issue shares are Nod. 1/60,000.

Hongkong Share Brokers' Association:—Cements.—New issue 6 premium. C. Lights.—New issue 5 premium.

Providents.—Ex-rights and Bonus 22.8. Providents.—New issue premium 2½.

Ropes.—Ex-rights and bonus shares 26. Ropes.—New issue premium 1.60.

LOCAL MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Last summer, the *China Mail* pointed out the usefulness to be derived from a fleet of livery motor lorries. It is not claimed that what has transpired is the direct result of our suggestion but quite a number of motor lorries are on the streets now. Companies are operating on both sides of the harbour and it is stated that the traffic is more than can be coped with. At any rate, one or two of the companies are calling for fresh capital with which to install additional lorries.

Practically every denomination of merchandise is carried but the lorries do not seem to have been used in removing furniture, personal effects, &c.

Each lorry has its own coolies while regular gangs, who are paid for piece-work, are stationed at different places.

It looks as if the smaller lorries (about one ton capacity) are not as suitable as the bigger ones of three or more tons. From this, it is taken that small loads are infrequent and that even if they were forthcoming, they could be "lumped" together in one vehicle. Rates per picul (or other basis of weight) are quoted for specified journeys and hire can also be made by the hour. Coolie-hire can be included or excluded.

That Chinese business men are realising the advantages of motor transport, is evident from the diversity of loads. Building material, market produce, case goods, Chinese delicacies and even fish in tubs, are carried. In the case of medium to big loads, rates compare very favourably with the antiquated method of handtruck and coolie.

DYESTUFFS FOR FRANCE.

PARIS, March 5. The dyestuffs agreement bill with the Badische Anilin and Soda Fabrik whereby France hopes to obtain 100,000 tons of dyestuffs every year, provides for manufacture under the French Government's control of synthetic nitrates by the Haber process, the patents of which are held by the Badische Company.

As the Senate modified the bill in the direction of giving the Government more complete control over manufacture, the bill must return to the Chamber of Deputies and it is doubtful whether it will be passed this session.

CANTON STEAMER ADDITIONS.

Apparently, the announcement made about a year ago, that the "Paul Beau" and "Charles Hardouin" which were purchased from the Hongkong-Canton run for the Yangtze and since brought back, is now to be put into effect as they are to be ready to commence operations shortly. It is stated that the fitting up of the boats has been practically completed. Wharf arrangements have been made and most of the personnel has been engaged.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual "gold" terms, were as follows:—Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net No. 24, rough white \$4.45; No. 24 fine white 16.20

No. 18 rough brown 14.65; Java Brown 13.00.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white, new crop \$8.55; No. 1 Saigon long white 7.52.

Flour, per "quarter" sack of 50lbs.—Dayton \$2.62; Banana 2.50; Mollusc Fairy 2.60; Kwan Tao 2.68; White Greens 2.62; Nutmeg Orange 2.71; Kingfish 2.82; Malt 2.70; Big Gun 2.82; Globe 2.66; Old Mill 2.62; C. and C. 2.76; Sperry's XXX 3.50.

MORE GERMAN MARKS. BERLIN, March 5. It has been decided that silver coinage, up to five marks per head of population, shall be issued, representing an additional three hundred million gold marks, if the whole amount is issued.

It is stated that the Reichsbank possesses sufficient silver for the purpose.—*Reuter*.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR WORKERS.

LONDON, March 5. In the House of Commons a private member's motion was carried without division, affirming that a minimum living wage for all workers should be the first charge on industry, and calling for a commission of enquiry.—*Reuter*.

SARAWAK OIL FIELDS.

LONDON, March 5. Presiding at a lecture by the Hon. T. G. Cochrane at the Society of Arts, on the "Oilfields of Sarawak," Lord Bearsted pointed out that the Sarawak field is only 630 miles from Singapore, and the development of the field had a very important bearing on the Singapore Base question.

The protection of Sarawak was most important because it was inconceivable that Great Britain would ever allow that wonderful field to fall into enemy hands.

Lord Bearsted made a very strong protest against the Government's attempting to develop the oil of the British Empire. He was dismayed to see the association of the Australian and British Governments for the purpose of developing the oil fields in Papua and New Guinea, where hundreds of thousands sterling had been spent without result.

The result of the British Empire rested upon the efforts and ability of individuals.—*Reuter*.

TWO COTTON MILLS.

SHANGHAI, March 5. At the annual meeting of the Ewo Cotton Mills, held yesterday, the Chairman, in his speech, said that the past year was the worst experienced by the cotton mill industry in China for a great many years. Although they had been able to work full-time at all the mills, except one, they had been very anxious times. The future outlook also caused much concern. During the greater part of the year yarn sold at a loss. They were more fortunate with cloth and other products, which, with fortunate purchases of cotton, were mainly responsible for the year's profits.

The Chairman protested against the almost general adulteration of Chinese cottons by water, and also at the mixing of large quantities of inferior with better qualities.

The Chairman said he was not optimistic about the near future, but he had no doubt that the industry would again flourish, especially if the Government abolished taxation, which seriously handicapped rapid development. Some Chinese-owned mills had closed down, and others were working short-time, but the reduced output was not yet felt, and spinners cannot purchase cotton and produce yarn without severe loss.

The cloth situation was somewhat brighter, but the margin of profit left a great deal to be desired.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

REBUILDING TOKYO.

TOKYO, March 5. A preliminary contract has been arranged between the Mitsui Co. and the American builders, Messrs. James Stewart & Co., of New York, for the construction of a new building for the Mitsui Co., which will be the first important building in Tokyo since the earthquake.

It is believed that the building will be a five-story one, and will cost approximately Yen 15,000,000. Construction will begin as soon as the Government's post-earthquake building regulations are decided upon.—*in Roman Daily Bulletin*.

JAPAN'S SILK TRADE.

TOKYO, February 22. The establishment of a special silk bureau, as a Government organization designed to conserve and concentrate the policy and activities of the various organs that deal with the silk trade is the object of a petition to the Government on behalf of the silk interests in Yokohama.

The opinion is expressed that, if the new Department of Agriculture comes into being, a special bureau will be set up to deal with all matters relating to silk production, manufacture, and exports.

KAILAN COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 22, amounted to 44,091 tons and the sales during the period 46,883 tons.



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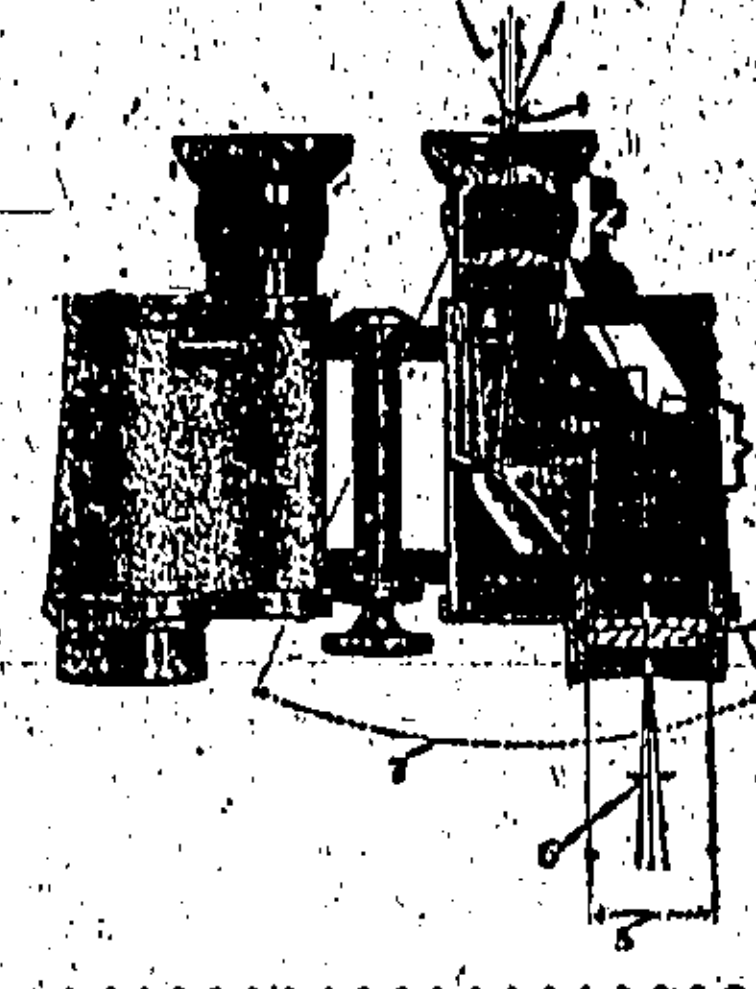
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10TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD THIS MORNING.

The nineteenth ordinary annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., General Managers, this morning. Mr. J. P. Warren presided and supporting him were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. C. J. F. Quarles van Ufford, Mr. Y. Yamamoto and W. Adamson (Consulting Committee) and Mr. Walter Gray (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs W. Hardwith, W. Van Eps, F. M. Ellis, Chan Yat-fung, O. Ribeiro and G. R. Edwards.

Presenting the annual report, the Chairman said:

The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days and I will follow the usual custom and take them as read.

Profit for the year under review, after writing off depreciation and including balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$5,951.46 which the Consulting Committee recommend applying as follows and I trust this will meet with the approval of the Shareholders:

Transfer to Special Reserve Fund 5,000.00

Transfer to Insurance Fund 4,000.00

Transfer to New Waterboat Building Fund 10,000.00

Dividend \$1.25 on 27,723 shares which will absorb 34,653.75

Carry forward to 1924 4,297.71

\$57,951.46

Superintendent's report shows that all boats are in good condition. Lai Chi Kok wharf suffered severely during typhoon season. Temporary repairs were made which we hope will tide us over until the new Government Basin is completed. There were many difficulties faced during the first 4 months of 1923 owing to shortage of water which have been successfully dealt with. During the last few months of the year there was a good water supply and the strain on the boats has been very heavy. The Consulting Committee decided that the time has now arrived to build a new waterboat. Superintendent and staff have given every satisfaction.

The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

The appointment of Mr. Y. Yamamoto as a member of the Consulting Committee filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. K. H. Kamei was confirmed by resolution proposed by Mr. van Ufford and seconded by Mr. Adamson.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies were appointed the Company's auditors on a resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. F. M. Ellis.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready.

CONSIGNEES.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE Steamship "OLDENBURG"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., whence, and/or from the Wharves, delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March 1924, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 7th March 1924 at 10 a.m.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 8th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1924.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship "VENEZIA"

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2nd March.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "EGRE-MONT CASTLE"

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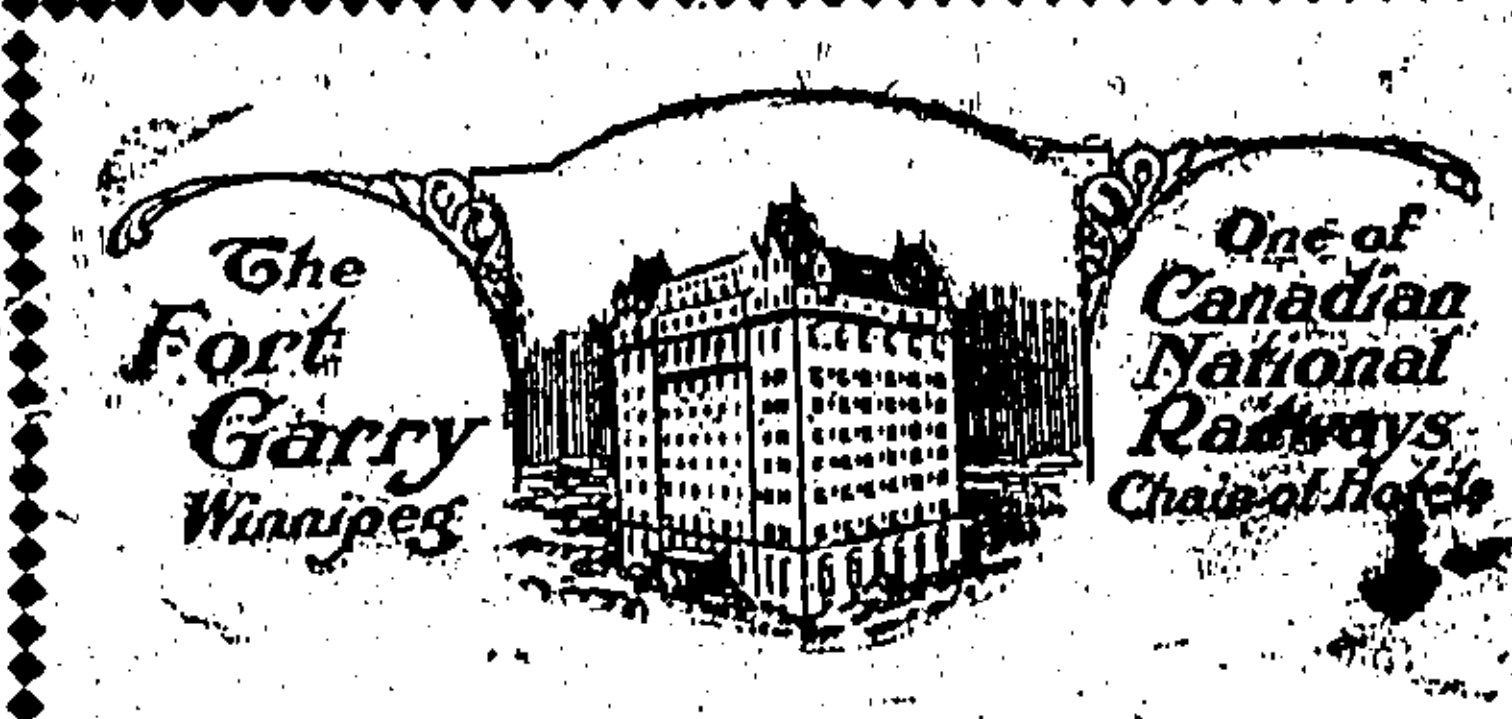
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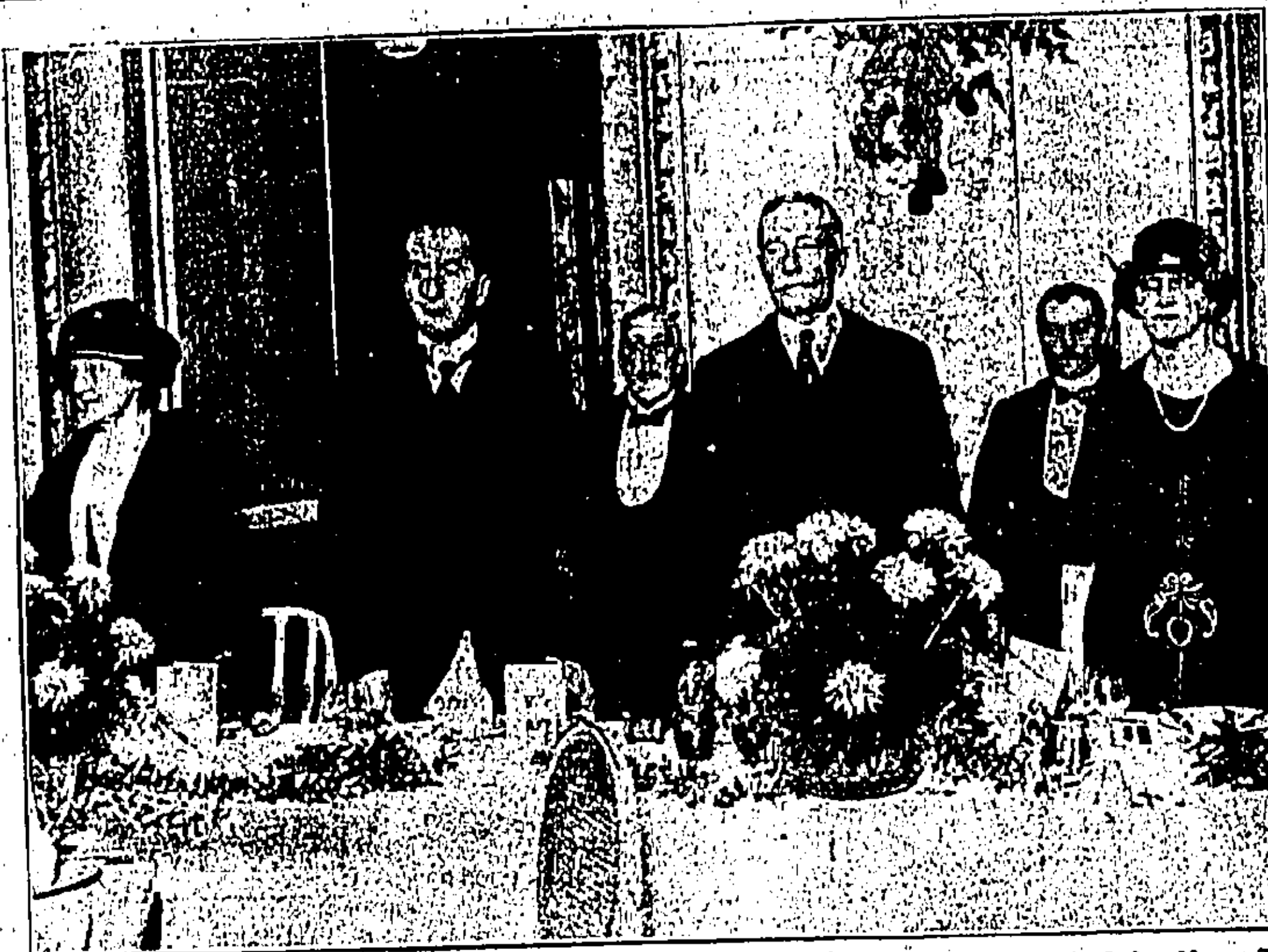


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A farewell luncheon to Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, was given by the Royal Colonial Institute at the Hotel Victoria. Sir Charles McLeod presided.

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The great Italian flood disaster.—The King of Italy inspecting one of the ruined villages.

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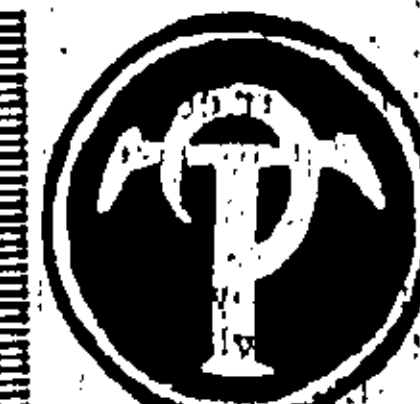
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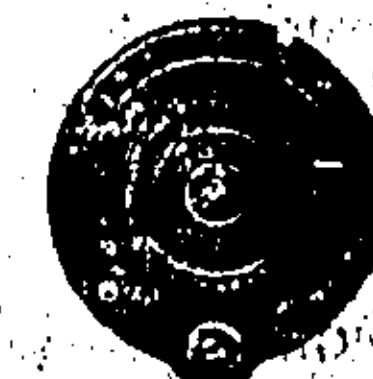
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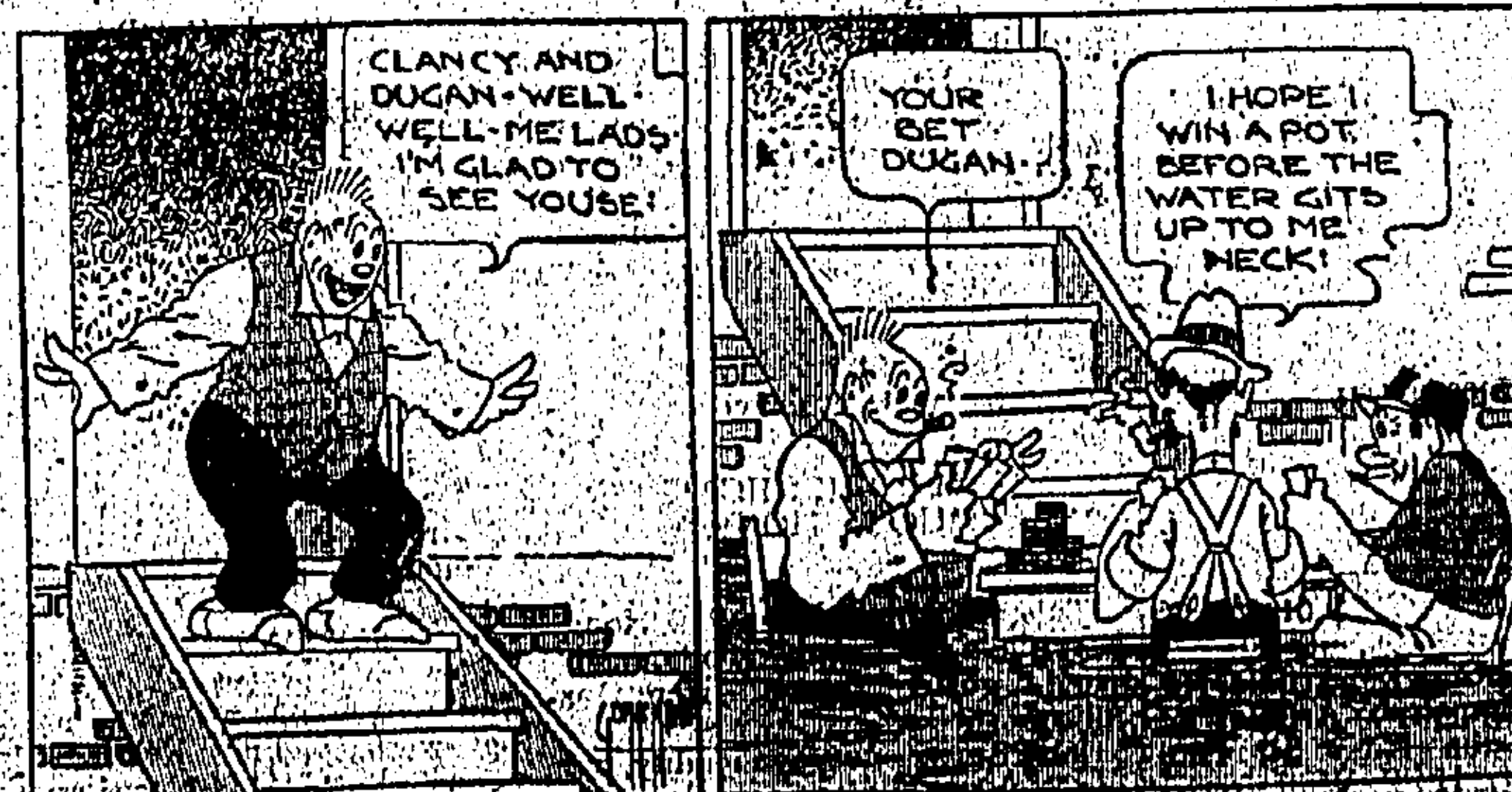
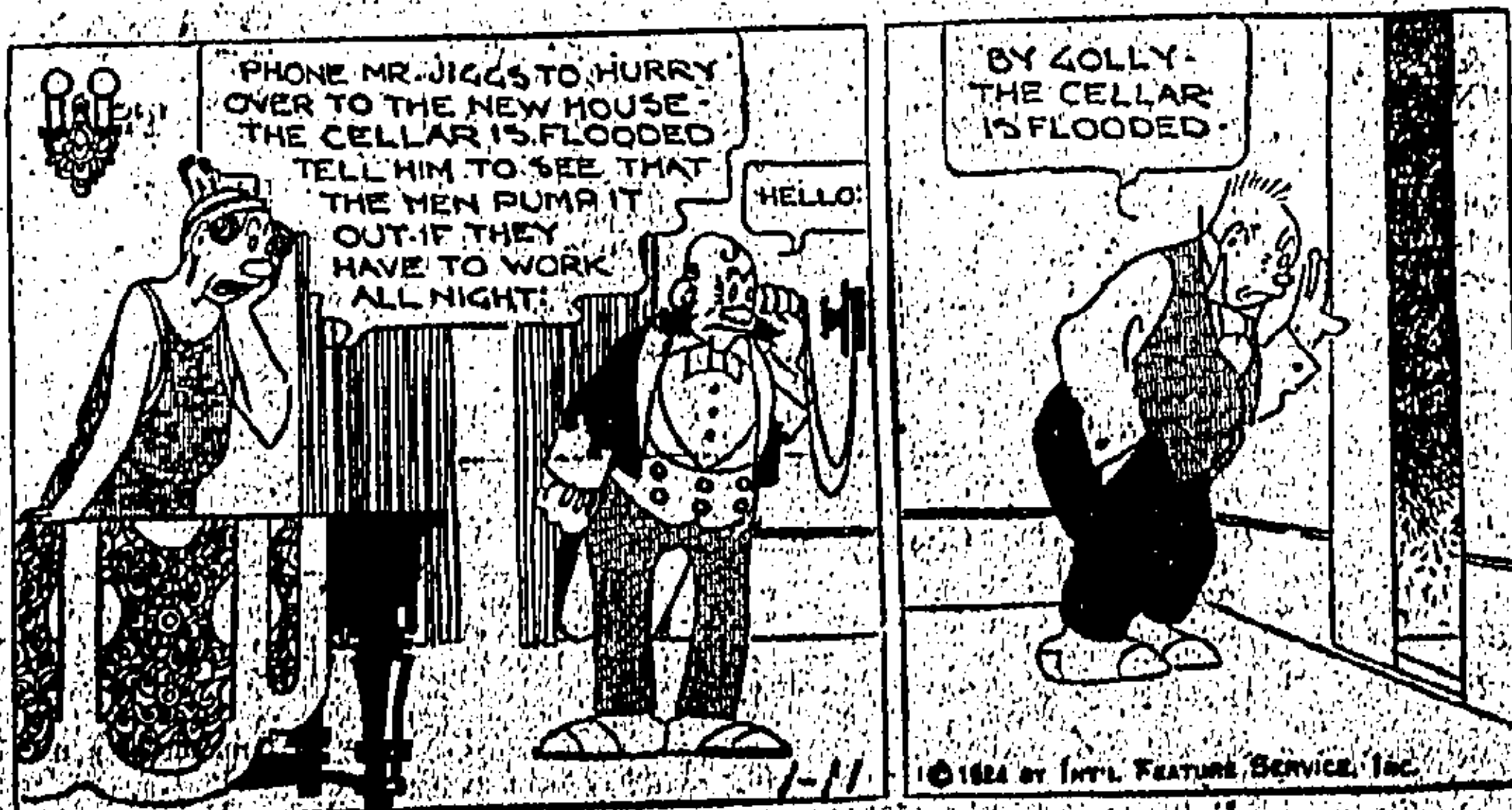
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THE PROBLEM OF INSANE CRIMINALS.

There is probably no place in Great Britain which inspires more interest of a morbid kind, and about which so little is known, as the great building which crowns the hill above Wellington College. Broadmoor, the criminal lunatic asylum, is a world apart even to those who live in the village at the foot of the hill. They sometimes see the arrival of the prisoners. Beyond that, little or nothing is known.

Nor will the report of Lord Justice Atkin Committee on the treatment of prisoners found insane make much difference. Ronald True and his companions will remain in the clean and cheerful buildings set on the hill among the pine woods of Berkshire.

Not forgotten.

"Not guilty on the ground of insanity" will not and cannot mean freedom for murderers who have escaped the scaffold. Broadmoor still remembers the case of a man who spent over 20 years there. He had killed two children. It was thought that he was cured, and that the world could receive him again.

He was released, but the world had not forgotten. His life outside became a torment to him. He was shunned by his kind, and the shame of his crime was never allowed to fade from his memory. Unable to bear the strain, he committed suicide.

The wards at Broadmoor are filled with men whose names are unknown to the present generation. It would seem that the world had forgotten them and their crimes. But those who know think otherwise. The world does not forget. These forgotten criminals are better off where they are, "lest we remember" perhaps.

Strangers to the World.

What can be done for these men whose friends are gone, who have lost touch with the world, who know nothing of modern conditions, whose newspaper marvels to them of incredible marvels which many of them have never seen, such as wireless, motor-cars, aeroplanes, moving staircases and gramophones?

What could Peter Knight do, for example? He went to Broadmoor in 1864. Save for a short period towards the end of last century, he has never left the place.

These outcasts of the world are not unhappy in this obscure corner of one of England's most beautiful counties. There is work for them to do if they want it. They are well looked after. Their health, their food, their shelter are all guaranteed, their disabilities allowed for.

But between them and the world there is and must be the locked door, locked by a jury's verdict of "Guilty, but insane." Even were the verdict altered to "Guilty, but insane so as not to be responsible according to law," the door would still be locked.

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Mar. 17.—J.C.F.L. Sawah Lento.

19.—E.A. Bangkok.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Mar. 17.—J.C.F.L. Western Miller.

20.—J.C.F.L. Tjibodasa.

FROM SAIGON AND SPORE.

Mar. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Mar. 14.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM MANILA.

Mar. 14.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM JAPAN.

Mar. 13.—J.C.F.L. Tiltaroom.

24.—O.S.K. Shinko Maru.

FROM JAVE.

Mar. 10.—J.C.F.L. Tiltaroom.

17.—J.C.F.L. Tiltaroom.

19.—J.C.F.L. Tiltaroom.

FROM BOMBAY.

Mar. 8.—N.Y.K. Lima Maru.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Mar. 11.—B.L. Torilla.

17.—B.L. Torilla.

26.—B.L. Torilla.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Mar. 7.—E.A.S. Victoria.

12.—N.Y.K. Yoshino Maru.

15.—B.S. Chongha.

Apr. 4.—E.A. St. Albans.

May 2.—E.A. St. Albans.

June 6.—E.A. St. Albans.

Aug. 1.—E.A. St. Albans.

FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER

AND KNOX.

Mar. 12.—A.O.L. West Ivan.

13.—A.O.L. West Ivan.

19.—B.F. Philoketes.

Apr. 3.—B.F. Philoketes.

May 28.—B.F. Philoketes.

June 16.—B.F. Philoketes.

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Aug. 8.—B.F. Philoketes.

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Mar. 8.—U.S.S.B. West Montop.

FROM PRISCO, HONOLULU, KOBE, S' HAI.

Mar. 15.—D.S.L. Pres. Garfield.

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24.—D.S.L. Pres. Folie.

FROM NEW YORK & BOSTON.

Mar. 21.—P. & O. Moorish Prince.

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Mar. 8.—B.F. Bepor.

11.—J.C.F.L. Onatork.

11.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru.

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Apr. 8.—J.C.F.L. Onatork.

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May 6.—J.C.F.L. Onatork.

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Apr. 21.—M. Amazon.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Observatory, London, from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 6 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 27 to March 4, 1924.

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Saigon—Off Stonecutters.
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hai—B12.
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Bangkok—15.
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Keelung, Swatow—Co's Wharf.
Giryo Maru, (T. K. K.) from
Mol—A4.
Mohon, (Yung Tick) from
Haiphong—Kowloon Bay.
- DEPARTURES.**
- Taiko Wan-yi, (B. & S.) for
Hongay—March 6.
Jade, (Kal Yu) for Haiphong—
March 6.
Yei Maru, (M. B. K.) for Bang-
kok—March 6.
Kueichow, (B. & S.) for Swatow—
March 6.
Hak Canton, (Hong On) for
Kwong-chow-wm—March 6.
Hydrangea, (Chin On) for
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FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

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Australia and Manila. Aratara
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Suez and Straits. China

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

Suez and Straits. Nollers
Suez and Straits. Astyanax

MONDAY, MARCH 10.

Suez and Straits. Torilla

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.

Australia and Manila. Yoshino Maru

SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai. Pres. Wilson

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6.

Wuchow and Samshui. Kwong Hing. 4 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy. Van Olan. 4 p.m.
Shanghai. Szechuen. 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

Hongkong and SHAN FRANCISCO—due San
Francisco and April. West Nile. 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. Bathing. Noon.
Shanghai. Foochow. 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai. Szechuen. 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan. China. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.

Shanghai. Kashing. 10 a.m.
Yunhsang. 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 9.

Suez and Straits. India. Mauritius.
E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via
MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 11h
9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. Registration
Apr. Parcels 5 p.m.

Monday, March 10.

Manila. Pres. Madison. 3.30 p.m.
Japan. Foochow. 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai. Szechuen. 4 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 11.

Yunnan. 8.30 a.m.
Felling. 1.30 a.m.
Hafhor. Noon.
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Wednesday, March 12.

Swatow and Bangkok. Kwongtung. 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 13.

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foo and slightly from Shanghai,
to Formosa and Hongkong. It has
decreased slightly over the
Philippines and N. Indo-China.

The V-shaped depression to the
west of Luzon is not so pro-
nounced this morning.

A Mongolian anticyclone has
spread southward.

Fresh monsoon may be expected
along the S.E. coast of China
and over the northern portion of
the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 5.59 inches,
against an average of 5.53 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. March 7, 1924.

7.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
strong.

8.—South coast of China between
Hainan and Amoy, N.E. winds,
fresh; fine to cloudy.

9.—Hainan, N.E. winds,
fresh; fine to cloudy.

10.—Szechuen, N.E. winds,
fresh; fine to cloudy.

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expected here on Mar. 11.

The A.O.L. s.s. "West Lion" which is
due at Hongkong on Mar. 12 arrived
Fookchow on Mar. 8.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yoshino Maru"
(Australian Passenger Line) left Thun-
day Island for Hongkong via Manila on
Mar. 1 and is expected here on Mar. 13.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Aus-
tralia" arrived at Yokohama on Feb.
29 p.m. left Yokohama on Mar. 1 p.m.
and is due at Vancouver on Mar. 12.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia"
Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N., Commander,
will leave here for Victoria and Vancou-
ver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe
and Yokohama at 5 a.m. on Mar. 13.

The O.S.E. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" left
Mol on Feb. 28 and will be due here on
Mar. 15 p.m.

The B.L.L. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which
is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31st sailed
from New York on Feb. 7 on schedule.

The B.L.L. s.s. "Serapion" left Liver-
pool on Feb. 27 for London, Singapore,
Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here
on Mar. 18.

The O.S.E. s.s. "Pre. McKinley"
which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 16
sailed from Seattle on Feb. 20 on
schedule.

The B.L.L. s.s. "Rhodus" left Hong-
kong on Feb. 15 for Singapore, Hong-
kong, Shanghai and Japan and is due
here on or about Mar. 31.

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